

ORDER

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FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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SUBJ: CERTIFICATION OF REPAIR STATIONS FOR BALLOON MAINTENANCE

1. **PURPOSE.** To provide guidelines for the **certification** of a repair station to **accomplish** balloon maintenance.

2. **DISTRIBUTION.** This order is distributed to branch level in the Office of **Airworthiness**; to branch level in the Aviation Standards National Field Office; to the branch level in all regional Flight Standards Divisions; to all General Aviation, Air Carrier, and Flight Standards District Offices; to all International Field Offices; and to all International Aviation and Aeronautical **Quality Assurance** Field Offices.

3. **BACKGROUND.** Increased balloon activity has resulted in an increase in applications by persons who desire to **be** certificated to accomplish balloon maintenance. **Due** to this increased **activity, inquiries** have resulted as to the type of **ratings** to be issued for the accomplishment of that maintenance.

4. **DISCUSSION.**

a. An applicant who desires to maintain **balloons** should **be considered** for a limited rating **airframe** with the balloon(s) listed by make and **model**. With this rating, a person could **perform** all maintenance on a balloon and its systems. This **would** include maintenance of heaters/burners and controls, and the removal and installation of balloon accessories and instruments.

b. An applicant who desires to perform maintenance **only** on balloon **heaters/burners** and controls should be considered for a limited rating specialized service with the **heater(s)/burner(s)** and control(s) listed by make and **model**. In addition, the applicant **should submit** a process specification for approval to do that maintenance.

c. An applicant who desires to perform maintenance **on** balloon accessories and instruments should be **considered** for a limited rating for those categories in addition to either of the ratings specified in paragraphs **4a** and **4b** of this order.



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